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PERU TRIP SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

FAQs

1- What was the best part of the trip?

A- Machu Pichu. It might be the basic thing to say but it was the most impressive destination of the trip. Taking the train to be able to go up the mountain really sets the tone. There's also a great view of the whole complex just when you get up, they did a very good job on framing the whole event

2- What was the best meal of the trip?

A- When I was in Arequipa, the 2nd largest city in Peru, there was a central market that sold everything from souvenirs to butchers to homeopathic medicine, but most importantly food stalls. There, for breakfast, I had an avocado sandwich. It was freshly baked bread, avocado, salt, and nothing more. It was maybe the best sandwich I'd ever had. The simplicity made it perfect, and it only cost around $2.40.

3- What surprised you the most?

A- Colca Canyon: It was a day long excursion (Most days we woke up before 6:00 AM for a variety of reasons) and as we had booked months in advance there were some excursions I had forgotten about. Colca Canyon is the 2nd deepest canyon in the world! However, this deepest part is only accessible by a multiple day hike, we just saw the main part. Immediately starting the day it was frigid, around freezing which was a shock. After a 3 hour drive we arrived in the town of Colca, and bought a few souvenirs and saw our fair share of alpacas in sunglasses. Then, about an hour later, we finally got to the main part of the canyon. The canyon itself was incredible, rolling hills as far as the eye could see. However, the coolest part by far were the Andean Condors. Considered the largest bird of prey in the world, the pictures do not do justice of how large the animal was. Seeing them fly around their natural canyon was one of the highlights of the trip I was not expecting coming in, but I was completely floored.

4- What was the coolest city?

A- Arequipa. As mentioned before, it is the second biggest city in Peru. We got in that day before 6 AM and the hotel didn't have check-in until noon, so despite not starting off on the greatest foot but that didn't stop us nor the city. To start off, from most places in the city you could see at least one of the volcanoes in the area, Misti, Chachani, and Pichu Pichu were the main three that could plainly be seen from the city. The volcanic activity also lends itself to the light, white volcanic rock that much of the old buildings are made out of.

5- If you could do it again what would you do differently?

A- Interesting question, me! I think that the trip was really great, and besides the sandstorm that grounded our Nazca flight and some tummy issues among the group. The pace could be a bit of an issue at time, as we really didn't have any time to just relax with every day having an event scheduled, and almost every time it required us to wake up earlier than 6. However, the inverse of this is that we wouldn't have been able to do as much, and the trip was already 10 days and getting 9 people PTO that long would've been unlikely at best. In short, while I do wish that we had some breathing room, I think it was worth it to get to see everything that we did when we went there.

Overall it was a great trip. The annual roadtrip/pilgrimage/trip is one of my favorite traditions I've been a part of and it's a great group of friends I get to travel with (shoutout to those of you that will read this). As my parents have said, this is probably the best time I'll have in my life to get to travel so I should be taking advantage of that. Maybe there will be more of these to come, who knows?

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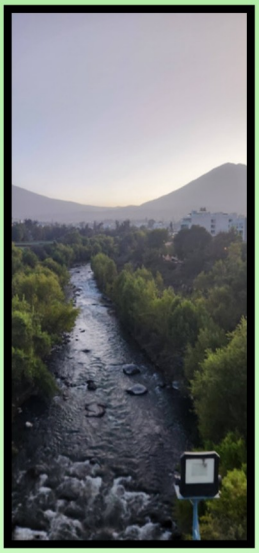

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